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# McCartney offers fantastic live trip

By TIMM DOOLEN  
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"Right now we want to go back through the mists of time, to a time they called the '60s," Paul McCartney says just before breaking into "The Long And Winding Road" on his latest release, *Trippin' The Live Fantastic*.

And this album, recorded live on his 1989-90 world tour, is for the most part a trip through this former Beatles' songwriting of the '60s.

Sixteen of the 35 songs on the two compact disc set are Beatles songs; six of them span his solo career from 1970 to 1989; six are from his last studio album, 1989's *Flowers in the Dirt*; the other seven are a mixture of oldies like "Ain't That a Shame" and "Twenty Flight Rock" along with what one might call "works in progress" such as the reggae-sounding "Together."

The Beatles songs start from as early as "I Saw Her Standing There" and go all the way through "Let It Be," hitting almost every album in between. Beatles fans should like embellished versions of "Things We Said Today" and "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band," both of which feature some of the best guitar work on the album.

The way McCartney handles "The Fool On The Hill" is curious. He sings it in a higher chord than the original, and during one of the breaks in the song, the voice of Martin Luther King Jr. ("I have a dream...") is superimposed over the music. I wonder why he does this and what statement he is trying to make.

Fans of McCartney's solo work probably will be disappointed that of the six tracks from before *Flowers*, one is a dance version of "Coming Up," one is an out-of-context "Ebony And Ivory" without Stevie Wonder, and the other four were on

his last live album, 1976's *Wings Over America*.

The songs from *Flowers* are remarkable only in that he included them at all. Not that the music is bad, but songs such as "Rough Ride" and "We Got Married" have to compete with classics like "Got To Get You Into My Life," "Jet" and "Maybe I'm Amazed."

One minor problem with the album is that McCartney's 49-year-old voice is not as strong as it was when he first sang "Can't Buy Me Love," "Eleanor Rigby," "Get Back" and "Band On The Run," and on parts of some of these songs it shows. From the liner notes, it looks like he recorded every one of his 102 performances, and I wonder if he couldn't have found better takes of some of the songs.

The only major shortcoming of this live album is the same shortcoming of his whole tour — he could only include a handful of the 400 or so songs he has recorded over the past 30 years as a member of the Beatles, Wings or as a solo artist. Some fans will find that McCartney doesn't include their favorite Beatles song, but overall he does a good job of including "universal hits" like "Hey Jude" and "Yesterday."

Tracks like those make it hard to criticize an album whose contents have already sold in the hundreds of millions. And this is the album of the concert that reinvigorated McCartney's career after having waned steadily during the '80s. The album, like the concert, isn't perfect, but it is a recorded history of Paul McCartney's second United States tour since 1966.

As the ten year anniversary of John Lennon's death approaches, Beatles fans should be comforted in the knowledge that the songs of the most successful songwriting duo in the world live on as half of McCartney's pretty fantastic *Trippin' The Live Fantastic*.

# Wilburys travel wrong way in second album

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In 1988, five old-timers got together, recorded some songs under a funny name and put together a great album. Two years later, and one member less, the Traveling Wilburys are, it's sad to say, living off their past success.

Volume Three (their second album, not their third) makes me wish I could have heard Volume Two.

The main problem with the new album is that Bob Dylan sings most of the songs, and on some of them, he sounds horrible. Tom Petty sings a few, but Jeff Lynne and George Harrison are heard only in the background and in bit parts. I admit it must have been hard for the four to try to regain the magic they once had, with the shadow of Roy Orbison hanging over them. Orbison died just months after their first album was released.

But that is no excuse for letting Bob Dylan sing the '50s-style "7 Deadly Sins," an otherwise good song, except for his voice.

And even Tom Petty's singing isn't as sharp as on his 1989 release, *Full Moon Fever*. He practically whines "Poor House."

The songs range from nonsensical, "Cool Dry Place" and "Wilbury Twist," to socially con-

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scious, "The Devil's Been Busy." On the latter, the band criticizes toxic waste and the use of pesticides (I think).

On the positive side, "New Blue Moon" is an upbeat Lynne/Harrison song that is probably the best track on the album. "Inside Out" has a good melody, and Lynne's "She's My Baby" is a rocker.

Overall the music isn't that bad, but it's just not as good as it could have been from these four talented musicians. No song on the new album can compare to "Headed For The Light" or "End Of The Line" from their first album.

If you've never heard the Wilburys before, get their first album; if you're a casual Wilbury fan, listen to their second album before you decide to buy it; and if you're a diehard Wilbury (or Bob Dylan) fan, you've already bought it, so why are you reading this?

I hope the Wilburys record again. I just hope Volume Four (or Five or Six) sounds more like the old Wilburys than Volume Three did.

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# Rocky comes full circle

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Sylvester Stallone tries to close the sappy "Rocky" saga that began in 1976. But instead of boxing, "Rocky V" concentrates on a heavy-weight boxing champion who needs to toss in the gloves and silk American flag shorts and retire to a more serene life as a boxing manager.

"Rocky V" takes off where "Rocky IV" ends with Rocky defeating the Russian boxing monster, Drago. After this difficult boxing match Rocky returns to the locker room where he showers and attempts to unwind, but his hands won't stop shaking. He begins to realize that his boxing career could be coming to an end.

Under the advice of his wife Adrian (Talia Shire), Rocky undergoes examinations by neurologists. They discover that Rocky has suffered some irreversible brain damage caused by several severe blows to the head during his career; they recommend that Rocky retire.

Rocky, who as you can guess, isn't real happy to hear this, reluctantly agrees to retire for the sake of Adrian and their son, Rocky Jr. (Sage Stallone).

To make matters worse, Rocky also finds out that he has lost all of his money as a result of his crooked accountant.

So now the Balboa family, including Uncle Paulie (Burt Young), are forced to move back to the Philadelphia slums where the first "Rocky" began.

Adrian goes back to changing newspapers in bird cages. Eleven-year-old Rocky Jr. faces the unpleasantness of attending a new school where a few boys repeatedly beat

him up. And Rocky reopens Mickey's gym and begins to train and manage a new young boxing talent, Tommy "Machine" Gunn (Tommy Morrison).

"Rocky V" really just finishes the circle of the boxing champion's life, and puts the Balboas back where the first "Rocky" began, in the slums of Philadelphia.

Rocky is no longer fighting to be in top physical condition, but he is struggling to reweave the thinning fabrics of his family relationship.

Adrian frequently becomes angry as she has to constantly argue with Rocky to remain retired. Paulie becomes a bigger lush with each passing day. And Rocky Jr., who resents his unattentive father, rebels by smoking cigarettes and wearing an earring.

"Rocky V" like the previous four, has the same sappy dialogue, themes and characters, but it's the same sappiness that the audience expects and pays for when they go to see this type of movie.

One thing that I did find particularly disappointing though, is that the inspirational original "Rocky" song was never played. Instead this movie contains musical hits from M.C. Hammer and Elton John. Maybe I wanted more nostalgia from Stallone, who went so far as to get the same director, John G. Avildsen, who directed the original "Rocky" to direct "Rocky V."

"Rocky V," which is rated PG-13 and now showing at the Post Oak Three, gives a sense of completion to the boxing match on the silver screen that has lasted for the past 14 years between the moviegoers and Sylvester Stallone.

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